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SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY POLICY REVIEW

REF: VALLETTA 37Y (NOTAL)

DEPARTMENT COMMENDS VALLETTA FOR THOROUGH AND PERCEPTIVE
POLICY ASSESSMENT, WHICH WAS REVIEWED AT INTERAGENCY MEETING
JUNE 14. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH EMBASSY'S
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ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
US POSTURE. (FULL REPORT OF MEETING WILL BE POUCHED TO
VALLETTA.) AN AGREED LIST OF US OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES
FOLLOWS:

OBJECTIVES

1. DENIAL OF SOVIET ACCESS.
2. POLITICAL-SECURITY ORIENTATION TO THE WEST.

POLICIES

1. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF WEST EUROPEAN TIES TO MALTA TO PROMOTE MALTESE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND SECURITY LINKS WITH THE WEST.
2. DISCOURAGE MULTILATERAL POLITICO-MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD INCLUDE HOSTILE NATIONS OR THAT WOULD LIMIT US OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE.
3. ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALTESE ECONOMY SO THAT IT DOES NOT DEPEND HEAVILY ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE. ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE EUROPEANS. ASSIST AND GUIDE MALTESE ECONOMIC PLANNING WHERE POSSIBLE. ENCOURAGE MALTESE REPRESENTATION IN THE US.
4. PROMOTE MEANS BY WHICH THE PRIVATE SECTOR -- EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN -- CAN CONTRIBUTE TO GROWTH IN MALTA, E.G., INVESTMENT, TOURISM, EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION/EXCHANGE.

5. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF US PROGRAMS THAT ARE LEAST SUBJECT
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TO CONTROVERSY, E.G., CULTURAL/ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMS, USIS, PEACE CORPS, TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN MALTESE TIES TO US AND US INFLUENCE.

6. CONTINUE TO CONSULT WITH THE MALTESE ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO THE US ARISING IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

FYI - IN ACCORD WITH AMBASSADOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS, MAJOR ASPECT OF REVIEW WAS LIBYA QUESTION, ITS POTENTIAL AND PROBABLE IMPACT ON US INTERESTS. SPECIAL INR AND DOD ASSESSMENTS WERE PREPARED FOR MEETING. CONSENSUS WAS THAT THREAT INHERENT AT THIS TIME IN MINTOFF'S LIBYA ALTERNATIVE IS INSUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY CHANGE OF PRESENT POLICIES TOWARDS MALTA. COPIES OF ASSESSMENTS ARE BEING POUCHED.
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